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SUBJECT: U.S. ANNUAL INFRACTIONS REPORT TO IWC AND PANAMA'S
WITHDRAWAL FROM IWC

1. DEPT RECENTLY RECEIVED OFFICIAL LETTER FROM IWC SECRETARIAT, ADDRESSED TO SECSTATE AND DATED MAY 30, REQUESTING SUBMISSION OF THE U.S. INFRACTIONS REPORT ON THE AUTUMN 1977 AND SPRING 1978 HUNTS FOR BOWHEAD WHALES OFF ALASKA. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY INFORMING IWC SECRETARIAT BY LETTER THAT USG HAS NO INFRACTIONS TO REPORT FOR EITHER HUNT. AUTUMN 1977 HUNT WAS COMPLETED BEFORE IWC QUOTA APPROVED IN JUNE 1977 CAME INTO EFFECT (OCTOBER 24, 1977). SPRING 1978 HUNT RESULTED IN 10 WHALES LAND AND 15 STRUCK. IWC QUOTA APPROVED IN DECEMBER 1977 PROVIDED FOR 12 WHALES LAND AND 18 STRUCK.

2. IN RECENT PHONECON BETWEEN IWC SECRETARY GAMBELL ASKED PRUDENCE FOX (NOAA) EXACT STATUS OF PANAMA'S MEMBERSHIP IN COMMISSION (USG IS DEPOSITORY GOVT). PLEASE INFORM
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GAMBELL THAT ON NOVEMBER 16, 1977 GOP GAVE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL TO USG TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1978. WE HAVE HAD NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION TO THE CONTRARY SINCE THEN, ALTHOUGH UNOFFICIALLY WE UNDERSTAND GOP MAY BE RECONSIDERING. CHRISTOPHER

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